

Presentation at Newburgh Free Library Will Provide Details on Delaware Valley Job Corps Program

■ **Newburgh, NY** - On Saturday, June 26, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and the Newburgh Free Library Job Information Center will host a workshop to provide information on free employment and education training programs available through the Delaware Valley Job Corps (DVJC). The presentation will occur from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Newburgh Free Library located at 124 Grand Street in Newburgh. Since 1979, the Delaware Valley Job Corps has been providing critical job skills to 16 to 24 year olds while helping them earn a high school diploma or GED. "The education, career training and job placement services offered by the Delaware Valley Job Corps can be life changing for young people who take advantage of this essential program," said Hinchey. "Even though the Job Corps is located one county away from Newburgh, very few residents of the city are fully aware of all the advantages the program has to offer. That's why I am delighted to host this event - to ensure that those who live in the city have the information and assistance they need to successfully apply for and participate in this no-cost program, which has already benefited so many young adults." Participants in the program live on campus in Callicoon, New York while receiving training in trade fields including: advanced manufacturing; business technologies; carpentry; culinary arts; facilities maintenance; material handling; medical office support; security; automotive repair; construction; and, electrician support. Despite the program's proximity to the City of Newburgh, last year only two residents of the city took advantage of the program, which accepts nearly 400 students annually. The vast majority of participants are from the New York City area. In addition to job skill training, the DVJC can help participants attain a high school diploma or GED. The program also provides free room and board, a cash stipend, basic health and medical services and job placement assistance. The services are available free of charge to qualified applicants and are funded through the U.S. Department of Labor Job Corps program authorized under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, which Hinchey strongly supported. Those looking for additional details on the event should contact Hinchey's Middletown office at (845) 344-3211. More information on the program is also available at the DVJC website: <http://delawarevalley.jobcorps.gov>. Job Corps representatives will be available to schedule application orientations to interested individuals following the presentation.